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WORLD RICE CROP EXCEEDS PREVIOUS

YEAR'S RECORD BY 2 PERCENT

World rice production (excluding Communist Asia) in 1968-69 is now estimated to have exceeded last year's record by 2 percent. The latest figure includes major upward revisions for India and Indonesia plus a lesser increase for Thailand.

Although this year's harvest establishes a new record, the increase of 2 percent is small as compared with the jump of 14 percent in the 1967-68 crop versus 1966-67. Indications, therefore, are that rice production may be sustained and/or increased beyond the new level, which is approximately one-seventh larger than the 1960-64 average.

World acreage in rice is estimated at 238 million acres, the same level as the preceding year. Yield per acre, however, increased to an alltime high in all areas except Europe and thus pushed production to a new record.

Total production in the Asian countries, the major rice producing area, increased 1 percent in 1968-69 over last year's previous high. The crop in India was 2 million tons larger than the earlier forecast, mainly as a result of improved weather conditions. This increase put India's 1968 crop slightly below last year's record harvest. Asia's major exporting countries--Thailand, Burma, and Cambodia--all had larger production than last year. The 11-percent increase in Thailand was due to both increased acreage and higher yields. The Japanese again harvested a bumper crop, which along with last year's heavy carryover aggravated an already serious problem and generated increased pressures on the government to find effective uses for the rice surplus.

RICE (rough): Acreage, yield per acre, and production in specified countries,
average 1960-61/64-65, annual 1966-67 to 1968-69 1/

Continent and country	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Average	1966-67	1967-68	Average	1966-67	1967-68	Average	1966-67	1967-68
	1960-61	2/	2/	1960-61	2/	2/	1960-61	2/	2/
	to			to			to		
	1964-65			1964-65			1964-65		
North America:									
Mexico	342	1,000	408	472	1,961	2,301	304	1,000	1,000
United States	1,703	1,967	1,970	2,353	3,738	4,322	2,887	3,856	4,054
Costa Rica	132	138	148	--	1,042	1,297	62	81	87
El Salvador	33	49	69	76	1,979	2,300	20	49	74
Guatemala	26	30	32	35	1,369	1,378	16	18	20
Honduras	34	49	49	49	1,476	1,490	23	36	33
Nicaragua 3/	55	64	64	67	1,353	2,065	34	60	64
Panama	253	325	319	--	978	950	112	140	151
Cuba	240	--	--	--	1,700	--	185	--	--
Dominican Republic	206	220	220	--	1,284	1,473	120	178	147
Total North America	3,122	3,580	3,647	4,089	2,702	3,093	3,839	5,022	5,274
South America:									
Argentina	135	153	198	237	3,159	3,127	193	217	238
Bolivia	74	80	--	--	1,811	1,735	61	63	--
Brazil	9,404	10,625	12,000	--	1,420	1,409	--	6,792	7,000
Chile	82	72	79	40	2,440	2,750	91	90	94
Colombia	643	865	867	657	1,823	1,733	532	680	700
Ecuador	273	259	148	247	1,525	1,548	189	182	127
Guyana	247	341	--	--	2,000	1,751	224	271	--
Paraguay	38	41	--	--	1,950	2,044	34	38	39
Peru	196	203	111	198	3,562	4,172	317	384	194
Surinam	70	73	83	--	2,486	2,967	79	98	120
Uruguay	51	84	77	86	2,841	3,035	66	116	99
Venezuela	165	257	282	311	1,476	1,876	111	210	243
Total South America	11,378	13,053	14,319	14,323	1,541	1,544	7,955	9,141	9,177
Europe:									
France	77	69	66	62	3,474	3,196	121	100	115
Greece	49	43	44	52	3,704	4,388	82	86	90
Italy	299	327	356	385	4,679	4,187	635	621	745
Portugal	92	86	80	82	4,073	3,949	170	154	146
Spain	157	143	150	155	5,460	5,781	389	375	367
Total Western Europe	674	668	698	738	4,369	4,109	1,397	1,336	1,463
Bulgaria	32	30	30	--	2,497	3,527	36	48	52
Hungary	52	47	50	49	1,715	1,500	40	31	34
Romania	35	49	52	--	2,589	2,518	--	56	--
Yugoslavia	15	13	11	12	3,333	3,931	23	23	20
Total Eastern Europe	142	143	152	157	2,282	2,559	147	166	184
Total Europe	816	811	848	893	4,171	4,083	1,544	1,502	1,647
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia)	232	600	682	724	2,068	2,352	311	640	804

Africa:														
Morocco	9	12	11	18	4,033	3,483	5,464	4,900	16	19	27	46		
United Arab Republic	829	1,200	1,250	1,250	4,745	3,674	4,056	4,145	1,784	2,000	2,300	2,350		
Congo (Kinshasa)	130	133	--	--	915	945	--	--	54	57	--	--		
Gambia	61	67	--	--	1,098	1,218	--	--	30	37	--	--		
Ghana	78	65	88	92	959	985	1,061	1,054	34	29	42	44		
Guinea	1,025	--	--	--	618	--	--	--	287	315	330	--		
Ivory Coast	614	--	--	--	786	--	--	--	219	274	340	380		
Malagasy Republic	1,996	2,050	1,946	1,946	1,370	1,538	1,658	1,586	1,240	1,430	1,464	1,400		
Mali	442	447	400	--	893	837	772	--	179	158	140	150		
Nigeria	500	--	--	--	1,074	--	--	--	250	406	391	376		
Portuguese Guinea	138	--	--	--	1,664	--	--	--	104	--	--	--		
Senegal	180	200	200	200	1,151	1,375	1,510	408	94	125	137	90		
Sierra Leone	800	--	--	--	895	--	--	--	325	390	400	410		
Tanzania 2/	204	--	--	--	1,161	--	--	--	108	110	115	--		
Upper Volta	112	--	--	--	649	--	--	--	33	--	--	--		
Total Africa	8,176	8,765	8,746	8,725	1,405	1,511	1,630	1,642	5,211	6,007	6,448	6,448		
Asia:														
Iran	846	930	930	--	1,861	2,013	2,193	--	714	849	925	970		
Turkey (Europe and Asia)	129	160	160	148	2,598	2,797	2,687	2,577	152	203	195	173		
Afghanistan	524	--	--	--	2,053	--	--	--	488	--	--	--		
Burma	12,000	12,328	12,193	12,297	1,456	1,168	1,362	1,437	7,925	6,637	7,770	8,186		
Cambodia	5,731	6,212	--	--	952	872	--	--	2,475	2,457	--	--		
Ceylon	1,239	1,307	1,566	1,657	1,714	1,609	1,614	1,785	963	954	1,147	1,342		
China, Taiwan	1,905	1,945	1,944	1,950	3,242	3,560	3,613	3,748	2,802	3,141	3,186	3,315		
India 2/	86,359	87,927	90,740	88,956	1,356	1,146	1,486	1,487	53,105	45,707	59,300	59,000		
Indonesia	17,530	19,504	--	--	1,600	1,582	--	--	12,718	14,000	16,308	16,308		
Japan 2/	8,108	8,041	8,063	8,105	4,329	4,368	4,940	4,913	15,931	15,931	18,066	18,061		
Korea, South	2,837	3,068	3,052	--	3,647	3,835	3,544	--	4,693	5,337	4,906	4,350		
Laos	1,606	1,330	--	--	1,020	989	--	--	740	623	--	--		
Malaysia:														
Malaya States 2/	851	957	1,167	1,182	2,176	2,165	2,078	2,167	840	940	1,100	1,162		
Sabah (North Borneo)	89	--	--	--	1,897	--	--	--	77	--	--	--		
Sarawak	282	277	--	--	860	772	--	--	110	97	--	--		
Nepal	2,800	2,717	2,766	--	1,647	1,628	1,767	--	2,095	2,007	2,217	--		
Pakistan 3/	24,955	25,897	27,945	27,235	1,467	1,398	1,501	1,587	16,539	16,424	19,024	19,604		
Philippines	7,821	7,614	7,820	7,904	1,096	1,206	1,285	1,276	3,883	4,165	4,560	4,576		
Thailand	14,735	16,995	16,457	17,866	1,507	1,751	1,500	1,531	10,074	13,500	11,200	12,410		
Vietnam, South	6,054	5,671	5,828	--	1,841	1,686	1,977	--	5,056	4,336	4,688	--		
Total Asia, excl. Communist Asia 4/ ..	197,086	204,305	210,072	209,551	1,586	1,493	1,669	1,692	141,787	138,335	159,053	160,835		
Oceania:														
Australia	56	74	76	82	5,429	6,376	6,382	6,533	138	214	220	243		
Fiji Islands	30	--	--	--	1,543	--	--	--	21	--	--	--		
Total Oceania	86	104	106	112	4,075	4,982	5,012	5,197	159	235	241	264		
World Total	221,000	231,000	238,000	238,000	1,606	1,527	1,695	1,723	161,000	161,000	183,000	186,000		

1/ Crops harvested in the Northern Hemisphere during the latter part of the year, together with those harvested in Asia in November to May, are combined with crops harvested in Southern Hemisphere during the first part of the following year. Harvested acreage is shown unless data for planted acreage only are available. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Planted acreage. 4/ Excluding Communist Asia (China, North Korea, and North Vietnam).

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In Western Europe, area increased 6 percent, while production declined 7 percent. Poor weather conditions in France and Italy were the major reasons for the decrease in production.

Production in the USSR increased markedly over the preceding year as the result of record acreage and yield. Eastern Europe's production decline slightly.

North American production increased 15 percent this year over last. This was due mainly to a 19-percent acreage increase in the United States, the principal producer.

The South American crop, which in some areas is still being harvested, is expected to be 3 percent above last year's crop. Major increases were in Peru and Ecuador, where production recovered to previous levels after last year's drought. Colombia also increased production substantially, despite a decline in area, as more rice was grown on irrigated land. Chile is the only country that experienced a major drop in production (about 50 percent); this was due to the severe drought last year and the first part of this year.

Total African production again set a new record, as outturn was slightly above last year's previous high. Crops increased in the UAR, Morocco, and the Ivory Coast, while the Malagasy Republic and Senegal recorded declines.

Australia continued to expand its rice production and recorded its eighth consecutive record harvest in 1968-69 as a result of an 8-percent increase in acreage.

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World rice exports for calendar year 1968 totaled 6.2 million metric tons (milled basis). This compared to exports of 7.1 million tons in 1967 and 7.3 million for the five year average of 1962-1966. The major reason for this decline was increased production in importing countries.

U.S. exports remained about the same level as the previous year, 1.8 million tons. Thailand and Burma were the countries which showed the largest declines, 29 and 48 percent, respectively. The United Arab Republic, with a 31 percent rise in exports, was the only major exporter to show a significant increase.

RICE (Milled Basis): World exports by country of origin,
Calendar Years 1966, 1967 and 1968

Country of Origin	1966	1967	1968 1/
	1,000	1,000	1,000
	m. t.	m. t.	m. t.
<u>North America:</u>			
United States	1,349	1,801	1,847
<u>Central America:</u>			
Costa Rica	2/	1	1
El Salvador	7	14	23
Guatemala	2/	2	2
Honduras	2/	2/	2/
Nicaragua	2	2/	2
Panama	1	3	2
Total Central America	10	20	30
<u>South America:</u>			
Argentina	47	19	22
Brazil	289	32	37
Colombia	2/	4	--
Ecuador	23	--	10
Guyana	110	102	93
Surinam	20	25	33
Uruguay	45	37	19
Venezuela	50	63	33
Total South America	584	282	247
Total Western Hemisphere	1,943	2,103	2,124
<u>Europe:</u>			
<u>EEC:</u>			
Belgium-Luxembourg	6	5	13
France	7	39	68
Germany, West	16	21	23
Italy	81	156	59
Netherlands	17	17	20
Total EEC	127	238	183
Greece	25	9	9
Spain	50	109	100
Switzerland	1	1	1
Total Western Europe	203	357	293
<u>Eastern Europe: 3/</u>			
Bulgaria	5	5	5
Czechoslovakia	6	2/	1
Hungary	8	--	--
USSR	4	1	1
Yugoslavia	--	--	2/
Total Eastern Europe	23	6	7
Total All Europe	226	363	300

<u>Asia:</u>			
Aden	12	10	5
Burma	1,100	650	335
Cambodia	165	223	247
China, Mainland	1,200	1,190	1,025
Hong Kong	29	7	11
India	3	5	2
Iran	1	2	2/
Japan	2/	2/	2/
Korea, North	72	75	75
Korea, South	40	--	--
Kuwait	15	6	--
Lebanon	2	--	--
Malaysia	31	10	--
Nepal	40	35	37
Pakistan	213	171	80
Philippines	2/	--	41
Singapore	107	100	90
Taiwan	178	116	68
Thailand	1,508	1,449	1,023
Turkey	2/	2	2
Vietnam, North	13	10	10
Total Asia	4,729	4,061	3,051
<u>Africa:</u>			
Angola	4	3	2
Ivory Coast	--	2/	--
Kenya	2/	2/	2
Malagasy	20	40	69
Malawi	1	--	--
Morocco	1	4	7
Mozambique	4	5	4
Senegal	1	2/	--
South Africa	5	1	--
Tanzania	1	2/	15
United Arab Republic	347	435	570
Total Africa	384	488	669
<u>Oceania:</u>			
Australia	84	99	97
World Total	7,366	7,114	6,241

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Less than 500 metric tons. 3/ Based on actual imports by recipient countries, intra-trade on calendar year basis, and official estimates by FAO, FAS and Commonwealth Secretariat.

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